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NETWORK CONNECTIONLESS ORIENTED COMMUNICATION
NETWORK



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A Notice for Reason for Rejection, which was mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on August 22, 2000, for counterpart Japanese Application No. HEI 11-096131, along with an English language Abstract and partial English translation of the same, which was published on April 9, 1999; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-126423, to TAKESHI et al., which was published on May 15, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 30, 2000.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and cite Japanese Publication


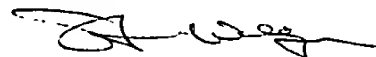
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No. HEI 11-096131. A copy of this document is attached and is listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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